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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

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SURVEY OF FARM HOME CONDITIONS

TO THE HOMEMAKER ON THE FARM:

The farm has been carefully studied as a production center and a place of business, but little study has been made of the farm home. We know pretty well how the farmer raises his crops and what improved machinery he uses, but no comprehensive study has been undertaken of the amount and kind of work done by the farm homemaker, the number of hours she works, the labor-saving devices she uses, and the social opportunities she enjoys or lacks.

In view of this fact, the Cooperative Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State Colleges of Agriculture desire to make a preliminary study to learn what the facts are. Your cooperation as a homemaker in helping us make this study will be greatly appreciated.

Will you kindly fill out the narrative below, and mail it **Today** in the addressed official envelope (which requires no postage) and greatly oblige. Your replies will be regarded as entirely confidential.

In Filling out the narrative record below please observe these few simple directions—

1. Read each paragraph **entirely through** at least once before you begin to fill in the blanks.
2. Cross out the words indicating the condition that does **not** exist, the articles you do **not** have, so that the words you leave will make a true statement of what you do and what you have.
3. Fill in the blanks relating to numbers or distances with great accuracy. **The value of the Record will depend upon the accuracy of the figures you furnish.**
4. Do not write any explanations into the text. If you complete each sentence of the narrative, it will give us all the facts we need. If you feel you must add explanations, place a * at the proper place in the text, and a starred note at the head of the record.

NARRATIVE RECORD OF FARM HOME CONDITIONS

I. We live in the State of _____, county of _____, township of _____.

We _____ a farm of _____ acres. It is a _____ farm.
(own, rent, work on shares) (number) (general, dairy, other)

II. We are _____ miles from the village or town where we do the ordinary trading, and _____
(number)

the family uses _____ to get back and forth to town.
(auto, carriage, other means)

III. We are _____ miles from the nearest district school, _____ miles from the nearest high
(number) (number)

school, and _____ miles from the nearest church; _____ miles from our doctor, _____
(number) (number) (number)

miles from the nearest hospital, and _____ miles from the nearest available trained
(number) nurse. We have ^a } telephone.

IV. During the last twelve months _____ members of the family have been ill in bed, mak-
(number)

ing a total of _____ days illness in bed for the year.
(number)

V. Our family consists of _____ men over sixteen years of age, _____ women over sixteen
(number) (number)
years of age, _____ children between 10 and 16 years, and _____ children under 10
(number) (number)
years. On account of illness or old age, _____ members of the family are ^{partially}
(number) ^{totally}
unable to care for themselves.

VI. We have _____ hired men, whom we ^{do not}} board in the house for _____ months in
(number) (number)
the year. We usually take on _____ extra helpers at special seasons such as harvest,
(number)
silo filling time, or thrashing time, so that in all we usually furnish ^{dinner}
all three meals} to
_____ extra men for _____ weeks each year.
(number) (number)

VII. We have ^a} hired girl, whom we employ for _____ months a year. We ^{have not}} a wom-
(number)
an to help by the day, who comes _____ days a week and helps with _____
(number) (kind of work)

VIII. There are _____ rooms in our house. We use _____ of these rooms in winter and _____
(number) (number)
in summer.

IX. Our house is lighted by ^{lamps}
^{gas}
^{electricity} It is heated by ^{stoves}
^{furnace}
There are _____ stoves for heating, not counting the cook stove. I ^{do not}} carry the
(number)
fuel and the ashes for these stoves.

X. The family washing ^{is not}} done at home; the ironing ^{is not}} done at home. I make
_____ of my own underwear; I make _____ of my outer garments; I make _____ of
^{all}
^{part}
^{none} the children's clothing; I make _____ of the men's clothing; I spend _____ hours per
^{part}
^{none} (number)
week in repairing the family clothing; I make _____ of my bread.
^{all}
^{part}
^{none}

XI. I have the following regular help with the housework from _____ members of the
(number)
family: _____
(kinds of work)

XII. I consider my kitchen ^{conveniently}
^{inconveniently} arranged. It is _____ steps from my work table
(number)
to my sink; _____ steps from table to stove; _____ steps from table to cellar door;
(number) (number)
_____ steps from table to kitchen pantry; _____ steps to dining table. _____
(number) (number)
My work table is _____ inches high.
(number)

XIII. I have the following labor savers in my kitchen (cross out those you do not have):— running water, sink with drain, linoleum on floor, kitchen cabinet (commercial or built in), bread mixer, fireless cooker, canner (hot water bath or steam pressure), steam cooker, wheel tray, dumb waiter to cellar. I ^{do} _{not} use a kerosene stove for cooking in hot weather. I ^{have} _{not} a screened-in kitchen porch.

In addition I have the following labor savers (cross out those you do not have):—

washing machine run by ^{hand, power, gasoline} iron, carpet sweeper, vacuum sweeper, vacuum cleaner run by ^{hand, power} sewing machine, dress-form.

NOTE. If you do not have running water in the kitchen, please fill in the following paragraph:—

XIV. We have ^{a pump} _{no water supply} in the kitchen. (Water for cooking and washing has to be carried by hand from a source of supply _____ feet distant. I usually ^{do} _{not} carry _(number) the water.)

XV. There ^{is} _{not} running water in the barn. There ^{is} _{not} power in the farm in the form of _____.

(gasoline engine, water power, etc.)

XVI. We have (cross out those you do not have):—an outdoor closet, chemical closet, indoor closet with ^{septic tank, cess pool}, bath tub with running hot and cold water. Our windows and doors ^{are} _{not} screened.

XVII. We keep about _____ chickens. I ^{do} _{not} take care of them. The eggs are marketed as follows:_____. I ^{do} _{not} keep a record of the number of eggs I sell and the money received. The egg money ^{is used for general housekeeping expenses. is my own to use as I please.} The money from the sale of poultry ^{is used for general housekeeping expenses. is my own to use as I please.}

XVIII. We have _____ cows. I ^{do} _{not} help with the milking. I ^{do} _{not} wash the ^{milk pails separator} I ^{do} _{not} make butter. I ^{do} _{not} sell butter. I market my butter as follows:_____.
_____. I ^{do} _{not} keep a record of the amount of butter sold and the money received. The butter money ^{goes for general household expenses. is my own to spend as I please.}

XIX. We have ^a _{no} vegetable garden. I ^{do} _{not} take most of the care of this garden after the ground has been prepared.

XX. I do ^{do} not help care for the livestock other than the poultry. I do ^{do} not help with the field work, for about _____ weeks in the year.
(number)

XXI. We do ^{do} not keep farm accounts. I do ^{do} not help keep these books. I do ^{do} not keep household accounts.

XXII. My working day begins in summer at about ___ o'clock a. m., and closes at ___ o'clock p. m. (time spent in family sewing and mending should be included in working day). Out of this day I have about ___ hours free each day for rest or recreation. In winter my working day begins at ___ o'clock a. m., and ends at ___ o'clock p. m., and I have about ___ hours free each day for rest or recreation.
(number)

XXIII. I do ^{do} not have a regular vacation each year, lasting about ___ days. (Perhaps the following will come nearer to fitting your case—if so, fill out the blank in this sentence):—I do not have any regular vacation, but we take days off during the year, so that I am away from my home cares ___ days on the average each year.
(number)

XXIV. We have ^a no farm bureau in this county. I am ^{am} not a member of it. I believe the farm bureau ^{is} not a good thing for the farmer.
I have come in contact with the following agents employed by the farm bureau (cross out those with whom you have not come in contact):—county agent, home demonstration agent, boys' and girls' club agent. I have acted successfully upon the following suggestions:-----

received from -----
(county agent, home demonstration agent, etc.)

I have also come in contact with the following branches of the State Extension Service (cross out those with which you have not come in contact):—farmers' institutes, extension schools (short courses), study or farmers' clubs, single lectures or demonstrations.

Considering all the agricultural extension agencies mentioned above, and also the farm papers, the one from which I have received the most help in my work is-----

(name of agency)

Signed -----

Address -----

Date -----